**Pets and Animals Policy**

I believe that children can learn a lot from having contact with animals, however the guidelines below will be followed to ensure that children interact with all animals safely. Children will also learn what animals eat, about animal habitats and how to keep living things safe and healthy.

In my setting, I have a Cockapoo called Bella who is 3 years old. My pet will have some supervised contact with the children but mainly will stay in a separate room. Contact will only occur when transitioning into the kitchen for meal time and when playing out in the garden. On some days Bella will also join us for our Daily walk but will be kept on a lead at all times.

Any pet food will be kept in lock cupboards out of the children's reach and we will wash hands after any contact with animals. Any animal waste will be removed immediately for hygiene reasons.

While out of the school runs or walks we may come into contact with other animals but we will make sure to keep distance from others.

I have read/understand and give consent that during my child’s day they will be in supervised contact with Bella.

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signed:

(Parents/Gaurdian) Date:

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signed:

(Parents/Gaurdian) Date:

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signed:

(Childminder) Date: